

Sourdough News

April 2014



CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH

The next monthly Chapter meeting will be taking place on Wednesday, April 16th at the Coast International Inn. This month's speaker will be George East, GIS Analyst for the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources. The presentation topic: Alaska Mapper DNR's new Land Records Research web page.

Board Meeting: 10:15 am Coast International Inn, Anchorage, AK
Meeting Starts: 11:30 am 3450 Aviation Avenue
Speaker: 11:45 am Please RSVP by Monday, April 14th by accepting the calendar invite, contacting your call list coordinator or contacting Donna Williams (dmwilliams@drydenlarue.com; 646-5167)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Chapter 49 Members!

Steve Schmitt and I were in Spokane recently for our IRWA Region 7 Spring Forum. While there was a lot of Region 7 business resolved, including updating the Region 7 Bylaws, the main thing we want to bring back to you is that the Fall Forum is going to be held on October 16 and 17th in Fairbanks! This is a great opportunity for you to attend a Region business meeting and see what goes on at that level. It is also a chance to meet some of your counterparts from other states. We will keep you updated as more details are available.

As most of you know, the IRWA International Education Conference will be held in Alaska in 2017, with Anchorage as the host City – 30 years after our first Alaskan conference! Manny Lopez, SR/WA and Andrew Frasier picked up the momentum and worked their magic to help us all win this conference in 2012. With 2017 in mind, we are focusing on the vast and dynamic groups that will be coming from all parts of our world to this event. Staying with this global theme, we have asked Pat Thayer, SR/WA from our sister Chapter, Arctic Trails Chapter 71 in Fairbanks, to be our 2017 Committee Chair. We have also enlisted Kathryn Schreckenghost from Chapter 49 to serve as the Committee Vice-Chair. These two ladies are very high energy, motivated and ready to tackle this challenge! As we move towards that event we are going to be reaching out to many of you to volunteer. Look for an e-mail from Pat and Kathryn in the very near future, with schedules for meetings and committees that need to be staffed. We anticipate around 2,000 attendees and family members in Anchorage for the conference and I know that all Chapter 49 and Chapter 71 members will rally around this committee, just as they did in 1997, to make the 2017 conference even more memorable than our last one!

Sandee Dooley is resigning as the chapter Nominations and Elections Chair, after many years of faithful service to that position. This will open the opportunity for another of our members to serve on the Board. Steve Schmitt, incoming President, will be appointing a new Committee Chair to fill that position after he takes the reins in July. Our sincere thanks to Sandee for all of her hard work in this position!

Hope to see many of you on Wednesday!



Help wanted:

We are looking for a
Picnic Coordinator!

If you would like to fill
this important position
please contact me at
646-5167 or
dmwilliams@drydenlarue.com

DATES & EVENTS

APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition 8am-5pm BP Energy Center	16 Board Meeting 10:15 am Monthly Lunch 11:30 am Coast Int. Inn & Course 100	17 Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition 8am-5pm BP Energy Center	18 Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition 8am-5pm BP Energy Center	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

MAY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Course 504: Replacement Housing Payments MOA 4700 Elmore Rd	3 Course 504: Replacement Housing Payments MOA 4700 Elmore Rd
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Board Meeting 10:30 am Monthly Lunch 11:45 am Coast Int. Inn	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

OTHER EVENTS:

April 15-18, 2014
 Course 100: Principles of
 Land Acquisition
 Fred Mortimer, Coordinator
 646-5128

May 1 & 2, 2014
 Course 504: Computing Re-
 placement Housing Payments
 Fran Murphy, Coordinator
 343-8283

September 25-26, 2014
 Course 900: Principles of
 Real Estate Engineering
 Louise Hooyer, SR/WA,
 Coordinator
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UPCOMING MONTHLY LUNCHEON DATES:

**April Monthly
Luncheon:**
 Wednesday April 16, 2014

**May Monthly
Luncheon:**
 Wednesday May 21, 2014

UPCOMING COURSES

IRWA Course 100: Principles of Land Acquisition

Date: April 15-18, 2014 Location: BP Energy Center; 900 East Benson Boulevard

Facilitator: Dan Beardsly and John Bennett

Coordinator: Fred Mortimer, 646-5128 or fmortimer@drydenlarue.com

Course Description:

This course outlines real estate law terms and concepts. Participants will gain awareness of environmental issues, learn the methods of acquiring and transferring title to realty, three views of engineering plans and the fundamentals in property description systems. Topics also include the requirements of a valid contract, information on easements, deeds, leases, the appraisal process, successful negotiations, and relocation requirements involved with property acquisition and management.

IRWA Course 504: Computing Replacement Housing Costs

Date: May 1-2, 2014 Location: MOA Training Room: 4700 Elmore Road

Coordinator: Fran Murphy, 343-8283 or murphyfm@muni.org

Course Description:

This course is designed for participants with thorough knowledge and experience implementing the Uniform Act. Realistic and complex situations are used as if the participants have been assigned to a small project requiring the relocation of the occupants of twelve (12) residential properties. The household surveys have been conducted and a copy of each interview sheet is contained in the materials provided. The participants act as the individuals assigned to compute the replacement housing payments on behalf of the Agency. Participants should have the knowledge to calculate basic payments, as group discussions and exercises maximizing practical application of the cases studies will be the emphasis of this course.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

January and February New Members:

Brittany Nuxall
Richard Wentworth
J. Logan Underwood
Joshua Nelson

March and April New Members:

Patricia Thayer
Gayle L. Doty
Terri Breckberg

Welcome aboard. We look forward to meeting you and getting you involved on our chapter.

INTRODUCING MEMBER NETWORK

Do any of you use our IRWA Member Network???

There is a wealth of information on this site that will help you keep abreast of the latest classes and events.

Join a "Community of Practice" or "Industry Specific Group" to keep in contact with other members with your same interests or career path.

Check it out on the International website at www.irwaonline.org and click the link in the top left corner.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The unfortunate e-mail rampage that happened last month has been repaired and should not happen again. Please don't let this one event deter you from using this valuable resource.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORNER

SR/WA Candidates

Mychael Alfaro

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Nancy Cameron

Jeri Ann Strand

Andrew Fraiser

Fran Murphy

Martin Hansen

Douglas Mroch

Rick Kauzlarich

Paula Brault

Tim Mullikin

Fred Mortimer

Uniform Act Certification (R/W-URAC) Candidates

Donna Williams, SR/WA, R/W-RAC



Chapter 49:
www.irwa49.org

Region 7:
www.irwaregion7.org

International:
www.irwaonline.org

About the IRWA

Since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934, IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, strong ethics, and improved service to employers and the public, along with advancements within the right of way profession. IRWA is the unsurpassed source of right of way educational programs and professional services worldwide.

Our Members

Dedicated exclusively to the right of way profession, IRWA has nearly 10,000 members throughout the U.S. and Canada. Our members are multi-disciplined professionals employed by private industry and government agencies as Acquisition Agents, Appraisers, Environment Professionals, Engineers, Lawyers, Property Managers, Relocation Assistance Agents, Surveyors, and Title Experts.

Professional Development Focus

Billions of dollars are spent annually in the acquisition, management, and transfer of rights of way. With the technical skills required for proficiency in this complex activity, IRWA's specialized education and training programs, leading to professional certifications and the IRWA's designation, the SR/WA, provide an essential foundation for right of way professionals across the U.S. and Canada. Visit our website at www.irwaonline.org to review the descriptions of the more than 50 courses currently available and our credentialing program.

2014 CHAPTER 49 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Picnic Coordinator

Help Wanted!!!

Programs

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IRWA Chapter 49 Education Schedule



Up Coming Classes*

2014	
Jan 21-22 - 801	United States Land Titles
April 15-18-100	Principles of Land Acquisition
May 1-2- 504	Computing Replacement Housing Payments
Sept 25-26-900	Principles of Real Estate Engineering
Nov 20- 606	The Environmental Process
2015	
501	Residential Relocation Assistance
502	Business Relocation
215	Right of Way Agent's Development Program
410	Reviewing Appraisals In Eminent Domain
417	The Valuation of Environmentally Contaminated Real Estate
2016	
505	Advanced Residential Relocation Assistance
506	Advanced Business Relocation Assistance
209	Negotiating Effectively with a Diverse Clientele
604	Environmental Due Diligence and Liability
431	Problems in the Valuation of Partial Acquisitions
*	Subject to change

Courses Available Online for your Convenience

100	Principles of Land Acquisition
103	Ethics and the Right of Way Profession
104	Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional
105	The Uniform Act Executive Summary
200	Principles of Real Estate Negotiation
203	Alternative Dispute Resolution
205	Bargaining Negotiations
213	Conflict Management
303	Managing The Consultant Process
304	When Public Agencies Collide
400	Principles of Real Estate Appraisal
402	Introduction to the Income Capitalization Approach
403	Easement Valuation
600	Environmental Awareness
606	The Environmental Process
700	Introduction to Property/Asset Management
800	Principles of Real Estate Law
801	United States Land Titles
802	Legal Aspects of Easements
900	Principles of Real Estate Engineering

If you are in need of a class please email Kathryn: katsch@drydenlarue.com

Giving a Presentation? Use latest PowerPoint template

Download your new Committee or Community of Practice logo and the [newly-branded templates](#) for PowerPoint.

Attention: Voting Directors

Whether you a Voting Director or an Alternate, signed forms are required to vote at June 25th Board of Directors Meeting. For Voting Directors, submit the [Credentials Certification](#) form by May 1st. [Alternate Voting Directors](#) must sign and submit before June 25th.

Chapter Toolkit - 7 new ads ready to use

IRWA's latest ads are now available for use in chapter newsletters and other outreach efforts. Promote hiring a member ([Don't Gamble](#), [Contract the Best](#), [You Can Trust Us](#)), becoming a member ([Forget Something?](#) [Going Up?](#) [Why Go it Alone?](#)) or [conference invitation](#).

Call for Entries: 2014 Project of the Year

IRWA's Project of the Year Competition is underway. The winner will be featured on the November/December 2014 cover of Right of Way Magazine and get news media exposure! Review the [new submission guidelines](#) and enter by July 31st.

Newest Course: Oil and Gas Land Basics

IRWA's new course: Oil and Gas Land Basics and Related Surface Rights Issues, instructed by Warren Doyle, is scheduled for **Houston:** May 20, **Denver:** August 26 and **Philadelphia:** November 18. For details, contact Deidre Alves, M. Ed. at alves@irwaonline.org.

Seeking Participants for VEIT Course in Vancouver, Canada

The VEIT Principles of Land Acquisition (Course 100i) is being piloted in April. Participants are eligible for a discounted fee of \$349 plus 32 credits upon successful completion. [Register now!](#)

View the Latest Chapter Statistics

For the latest updates, please take time to review [Chapter Statistics](#) through January 2014.

View Latest Financials: [Key Measures](#) [Balance Sheet](#) [Statement of Activities](#)

Leadership Links Distribution:

International Region Chairs, Vice Chairs and Secretaries; International Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs; Community of Practice Chairs, International Governing Council; Advisory Council; IRWA Chapter Presidents



EDUCATION CONFERENCE

HARTFORD 2014

JUNE 22-25

IRWA

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Welcome to the International Right of Way Association's 60th Annual International Education Conference held in Hartford, Connecticut, at the Connecticut Convention Center. We invite you to attend this valuable industry event and take advantage of the many educational and learning opportunities, as well as the networking events that have been planned just for you. Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific questions regarding the annual conference, and check our website often for updates regarding our plans as we continue mapping out your educational event of the year!

Sincerely,

Your 2014 Conference Planning Committee

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Sunday June 22	Monday June 23	Tuesday June 24	Wednesday June 25
Registration 7:00 am – 6:30 pm	Registration 7:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration 6:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration 7:00 am – noon
Continental Breakfast (Int'l Committees) 7:00 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast 7:00 am – 8:00 am	SR/WA Recognition Breakfast and Featured Speaker 7:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast 7:00 am – 8:00 am
Int'l Committee Meetings 8:00 am – noon	Educational Sessions 8:00 am – 11:30 am	Educational Sessions 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Finnegan Fun Run 7:00 am – 9:00 am
First Time Attendees' Orientation 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm	Exhibit Hall Open 9:45 am – 11:30 am	Foundations Golf Tournament 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Advisory Council Breakfast 7:30 am – 8:30 am
Exhibit Hall Open 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Awards Luncheon 11:45 am – 1:15 pm	International Luncheon 11:30 am – 1:15 pm	Educational Sessions 8:00 am – 11:30 am
Opening Ceremony/Meeting of Members and Keynote Speaker 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Educational Sessions 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Educational Sessions 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Region Caucuses 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Incoming President's Reception 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Installation Banquet Reception 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Welcome Networking Reception 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Monday Night Foundations Event 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Sponsored Receptions 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Installation Banquet and Dance 7:00 pm - midnight

Dominick Torrago



Alaska Pioneer, Dominick Torrago, 91, passed away February 13. He was born May 16, 1922 in Brooklyn, NY and was the eldest son of five children of Italian immigrants.

Dominick served as a radio operator gunner for US Army Air Force during WWII.

After his military service, he met a friend who said he had a map that showed where gold was in Alaska so, in 1946 against his father's wishes, he and two friends drove a Buick Roadmaster, from Brooklyn to Seattle, sailed on a steamship to Juneau and then flew to Anchorage. When the gold mining didn't pan out, he bought a chicken farm in Spenard, then worked for JB Gottstein and finally worked his way up through the ranks of the Municipality of Anchorage, where he retired as a Right-of-Way Agent.

Dominick was married to Marge (Janis) for 63 years and they had two daughters. Before they met, they worked at competing grocery stores. A friend introduced them and they were married June 18, 1950 at Holy Family Cathedral in Anchorage.

He liked showing off his grandchildren to his friends at the Alaska Club and was a regular fixture there into his late 80s, famous for being the only person to use the belted vibrating weight loss machine. He loved his daughters and showed it through his many acts of kindness like when it snowed, he would go to their workplace and brush the snow off their cars.

He is survived by his wife, Marge; two daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Vern Hohloch and Joan and Dean Karcz; grandchildren, Leo, Jack, Lily and Hannah. He is also survived by his sister, Ann Torrago.

A mass will be held Friday, February 21 at 1 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish located at 2627 Lore Road.

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Want to earn FREE enrollment to a local IRWA Course?

Are you interested in being eligible for free enrollment to an IRWA course offered by your local chapter??? Course Coordinators can do just that! We offer 5-6 classes per year and we need coordinators for each class. If you are interested, you can follow these instructions to become a certified IRWA Course Coordinator. We will look on-line for eligible members to coordinate our upcoming classes.

READY??? Log on to:

www.irwaonline.org

Choose the "EDUCATION" tab from the top of the home page.

In the "Class Scheduling Resources" box on the right side of the screen, choose the "Chapter Leadership Resources" option,

At the top of the page, click on "Course Coordinator Training" to begin the video training session. It should take you about 45 minutes to complete the training.

PLEASE NOTE: We would like for all current Chapter 49 course coordinators to take this revised training course to be certain you have the most current information regarding course coordination.